

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 A.D.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 13th day of March, 2014, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, *The Island Dispatch* was founded in 1944 by Ollie Howard, and purchased by Skip Mazenauer in 1978 so that Grand Island would not be without a local newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Island Dispatch* has been recognized as the official newspaper of the Town of Grand Island and this year was designated as an official newspaper of the Erie County Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Island Dispatch* has served as a vehicle for government, civic, educational, religious and professional groups to deliver their messages to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Island Dispatch* has been instrumental in helping the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce to create the Grand Island Citizen of the Year and Property Improvement awards, and to publish early editions of the Grand Island telephone book and tourist maps; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Island Dispatch* and the Niagara Frontier Publications has a staff of 18 full and part-time employees, numerous freelance writers and photographers, as well independent newspaper carriers, battling fierce competition from the goliaths in the newspaper industry and continues to deliver outstanding editions each week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and commend *The Island Dispatch* on celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, and for their continued commitment to the needs of schools, churches, youth, government and the people.

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Kevin R. Hardwick  
Erie County Legislator – 4<sup>th</sup> District

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Scott Kroll  
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County

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